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Jones relates to motor vehicle registration; provides for five-year issuance of license plates. Bill was referred to Transportation, advanced to General File. Was discussed yesterday for a bit, Mr. President. When the Legislature adjourned for the day, they had...Senator Baker, as Chair of the Transportation Committee, had offered the committee amendments. That amendment is, I believe, still pending. (AM0451, Legislative Journal page 584, First Session, 2003.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Jones, just a quick review of what happened.

SENATOR JONES: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. LB 279 was discussed a little bit yesterday and kind of give an overall just what happened yesterday. We just talked about changing it to a five-year plate, and then the committee amendment said it's...they moved it to a six-year plate, and we're on that committee amendments right now. But the main gist of the bill is to save a lot of headache for the treasurers across the state, because they want this piles of plate, they'd just as soon have them every six years in place of three years, and that was a encouragement to them and so they're supporting it. DMV is supporting the bill, and I do have a sample of the new plate that will be in effect 2005, if anybody wants to come by and look at it here and to get an idea of what it looks like. But that's my opening on it, so the discussion goes on, on the committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jones. On discussion, committee amendments, Senator...Senator Baker, it's a good idea to have you remind us what the committee amendments do also.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members. The committee amendments simply make two changes. It goes from, in the green copy, from five-year plates to six-year plates, issuance each six years of new plates because we're on a six-year rotation, actually with the lease. The Cornhusker State Industries has a six-year lease on the equipment. And the other change in the committee amendments changes the...or it goes back to the original statutes, as they exist now, on record retention on international registration programs from...it